MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

TO:

Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

April 19, 2005

FROM:

Robert A. Ginsburg

County Attorney

SUBJECT:

Resolution urging the

Legislature to provide for year-round enrollment in

the Florida KidCare

Program

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Chairman Joe A. Martinez.

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Pl	ease note any items checked.
	"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
	6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
	4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
	Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
	Budget required
	Statement of fiscal impact required
	Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
	Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
	Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
	No committee review

Approved	Mayor	Agenda Item No.11(A)(1)
Veto		4-19-05
Override		
	RESOLUTION NO.	

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR YEAR-ROUND ENROLLMENT IN THE FLORIDA KIDCARE PROGRAM AS BEING PROPOSED IN CS SENATE BILL 1324 AND CS HOUSE BILL 569 SPONSORED BY SENATOR NAN RICH AND REPRESENTATIVE RENE GARCIA, RESPECTIVELY

WHEREAS, in 1997, Congress created the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) as a means to provide insurance to uninsured children in low-income families; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 in response to the passage of the SCHIP legislation, the Florida Legislature created the Florida KidCare Program; and

WHEREAS, presently, enrollment for the Florida KidCare Program is limited to two 30-day open enrollment periods, one in January and the other in September of each year; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is experiencing a crisis of uninsured children and this Board believes that allowing year-round enrollment in the Florida KidCare Program would significantly and positively impact the uninsured crisis and better utilize funding that has been budgeted specifically for uninsured children; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature presently has in committee CS Senate Bill 1324 and CS House Bill 569, sponsored by Senator Nan Rich and Representative Rene Garcia, each of which provides for year-round enrollment in the Florida KidCare Program; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports CS Senate Bill 1324 and CS House Bill 569 and views legislation enacted as reflected in the bills as a means to significantly impact the crisis of uninsured children,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board supports CS Senate Bill 1324 and CS House Bill 569 which provide for year-round enrollment in the Florida KidCare Program.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Chair and members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs is directed to include this issue in the County's 2005 state legislative package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Chairman Joe A. Martinez and offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro Jose "Pepe" Diaz Sally A. Heyman Dorrin D. Rolle Katy Sorenson Sen. Javier D. Souto Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler Carlos A. Gimenez Barbara J. Jordan Natacha Seijas Rebeca Sosa

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of April, 2005. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By:______ Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

Eugene Shy, Jr.

